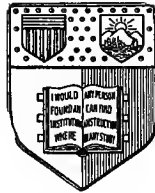


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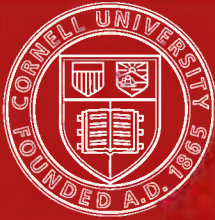
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LAWS RELATING  
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CHAPTER LXXXI, LAWS OF 1892.

AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH A BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

*Whereas*, it is proper that encouragement should be given to the advancement of agriculture, the improvement of live stock and the various branches of rural industry and the arts connected therewith, therefore,

*Be it Enacted by the Queen and the Legislature of the Hawaiian Kingdom:*

SECTION 1. There shall be and is hereby created a Bureau in the Department of the Interior, to be called the "Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry," which shall have for its object:

1. To provide for the instruction of the public, by free lectures and printing matter, such information as has been proved by practical experience to be useful to agriculture, stock-raising and kindred industries.

2. To obtain from other countries such information, and procure such seeds and plants as may be of practical benefit to the agricultural and commercial interests of this Kingdom.

3. To collect information concerning tropical and semi-tropical textile fibres; the utility of Island woods or other products; the planting of trees for forest conservation; the promotion of an arbor-day observance throughout the Kingdom; the preservation of forests, and all kindred subjects; and the compilation of statistics concerning the agricultural and live stock interests of the country.

4. To guard against the introduction of plant diseases or insect pests, and render aid in the suppression of blights, and diseases affecting agricultural products and live stock.

SECTION 2: Such Bureau shall consist of the Minister of the Interior, who shall be *ex officio* president, and four other persons, who shall be appointed by such Minister, by and with the approval of the Cabinet, and serve without pay. Such Bureau is hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person as Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, who shall also be the recording and corresponding secretary of the Bureau, and who shall receive such salary as may be set apart by the Bureau out of any money appropriated for forests and nurseries.

SECTION 3. The members of the Bureau shall hold regular meetings monthly, or oftener, as may be desirable; and are hereby authorized to formulate such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with existing laws, and take such action as may be necessary to promote the objects of this Act, which, when published, shall have the force of law.

The said rules shall be countersigned and promulgated by the Minister of the Interior.

SECTION 4. The Bureau shall have power to remu-



nerate any land-holder who, at the request of the Bureau, may undertake any experimental cultivation for the public benefit.

SECTION 5. Upon the recommendation of the Bureau, the Minister of the Interior may offer premiums for the encouragement of new agricultural enterprises, the utilization of waste products and formulæ for the destruction of injurious insects and noxious weeds.

SECTION 6. The Bureau may authorize fairs to be held from time to time, in Honolulu or elsewhere, for the exhibition of agricultural products or mechanical arts appertaining thereto, and may provide competitive prizes for excellence in such objects as may prove beneficial to the country.

SECTION 7. The Minister of the Interior, by and with the approval of the Cabinet and the Bureau, shall have power to set apart from any Government or School lands, or to acquire by lease or purchase, a site suitable for an experimental station or stations, and may employ and remunerate suitable persons necessary to carry on the same under the auspices of the Bureau.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner, or his representative to visit, at least once a year, all homesteads and the principal agricultural enterprises on the respective islands throughout the Kingdom to ascertain if the terms of the law are being complied with; to give to the homesteaders such advice in the planting, cultivating and fertilizing of their respective holdings as shall be conducive to the best results, and to make to the Bureau a report of each visit.

SECTION 9. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry shall, at the close of each year, make out a detailed report of the work of the Bureau, which shall

be published, and shall also furnish a biennial report to be embodied in that of the Minister of the Interior at the regular sessions of the Legislature.

SECTION 10. All moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of this Act shall be under the control of the Bureau, and all receipts of the Bureau shall be accounted for and paid into the Treasury as Government realizations.

SECTION 11. For the purpose of concentrating kindred objects under one department, the execution of the following laws and parts of laws shall be deemed to be duties of the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, viz:—

1. Section 251, to and including Section 254 of the Civil Code, relating to the improvement of Agriculture and Manufactures ;

2. Chapter XXX. of the Session Laws of 1876, entitled “An Act for the Protection and Preservation of Woods and Forests.”

3. Chapter XLVIII. of the Session Laws of 1884, entitled “An Act to Encourage the Production of Ramie or Other Fibres in these Islands, suitable for a market,” and Chapter LXV. of the Session Laws of 1888, entitled “An Act to Encourage the Cultivation and Manufacture of Ramie ;”

4. Chapter LXXI. of the Session Laws of 1886, entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture and Exportation of Taro Flour,” and Chapter LIX. of the Session Laws of 1888, entitled “An Act to Encourage the Production and Sale of Taro Flour and other Products of Taro ;”

5. Chapter XXXIV. of the Session Laws of 1888, en-

titled "An Act to Prevent the Introduction of Coffee Leaf Diseases," and

6. Chapter II. of the Session Laws of 1890, entitled "An Act Relating to the Suppression of Plant Diseases, Blight and Insect Pests."

SECTION 12. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with any of the foregoing provisions, in so far as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. This Act shall become a law from and after the date of its approval.

Approved this 4th day of January, A. D. 1893.

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BY THE QUEEN:

G. N. WILCOX,  
Minister of the Interior.

LAWS OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, AS NAMED IN SECTION 11 OF THE ACT OF 1892:

CIVIL CODE—OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES.

SECTION 251. It shall be the duty of the Minister of the Interior to watch over the great interests of agriculture, and to do all in his power to promote its improvement, by the collection and distribution of seeds and plants, and by every other means within the scope of his Department.

SECTION 252. Whenever any agricultural society shall have raised, by contribution of individuals or otherwise, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be ap-

propriated in the granting of premiums or otherwise, for the encouragement of agriculture or the improvement of the breeds of stock within the Kingdom, the treasury of that society, on presenting satisfactory evidence of that fact to the Minister of the Interior, shall be entitled to receive at His Majesty's treasury the like sum of five hundred dollars, to be added to the funds of said society; provided always, that no such society shall receive from the treasury more than five hundred dollars in any one year.

SECTION 253. Every such agricultural society shall, under penalty of forfeiting the grant mentioned in the last preceding section, furnish the Minister of the Interior, annually, in the month of January, with a true statement of the amount raised by such society from private contributions or other sources, during the year immediately preceding; also with a correct statement in detail of the expenditures of said society, in premiums or otherwise, during the same period.

SECTION 254. Every agricultural society which shall receive the said allowance from the public treasury shall offer annually by way of premiums, or shall apply otherwise at their discretion, for the encouragement or improvement of agriculture, stock or manufactures, a sum not less than the amount annually received, as aforesaid, out of the public treasury.

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF WOODS  
AND FORESTS.—STATUTES OF 1876, CHAPTER XXX.

*Whereas*, It is an established fact that the destruction of forests in any country tends to diminish the supply of water, therefore,

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislative Assembly of the Hawaiian Islands, in the Legislature of the Kingdom Assembled:*

SECTION 1. That the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to set apart, and cause to be protected from damage by trespass of animals or otherwise, such woods and forest lands, the property of the Government, as may in his opinion be best suited for the protection of water sources, and the supply of timber and fruit trees, cabinet woods and valuable shrubbery.

SECTION 2. For the purposes contemplated in this Act, the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint some competent person as Superintendent of Woods and Forests, who shall, under the direction of the said Minister, enforce such rules and regulations as may be established to protect and preserve such reserved woods and forest lands from trespass. Said Superintendent shall have charge of the construction of all fences and barriers required to protect the said woods and forest lands, and shall be responsible for their being kept in good condition. He shall, under the direction of the said Minister, be empowered to cause the arrest of any trespassers on such lands, and all constabulary or police of the districts in which such woods and lands may be situated are hereby required

to assist the said Superintendent in carrying out the directions of the said Minister in the premises. And it is hereby made an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment at hard labor not to exceed one year, upon conviction before any Police or District Justice, of any person who shall violate any of the rules or regulations established as aforesaid tabuing such woods and forest lands.

SECTION 3. The Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to secure from the Commissioners of Crown Lands, by lease or otherwise, such woods and lands being the property of the Crown, as may be suitable for carrying out the purposes set forth in this Act.

SECTION 4. Whenever it shall be necessary to extinguish any private right or title in any woods or lands required to fully carry out the intention of this Act, the fair valuation of the same shall be determined by referees agreed upon by and between the parties interested therein and the Minister of the Interior, and the valuation so adjudged and determined shall be the extreme limit of the price to be paid by the Government for such woods or lands, and upon making tender of such price so determined by the referees it shall be lawful for the said Minister to take possession of such woods and lands for the purposes aforesaid.

SECTION 5. The Superintendent of Woods and Forests shall receive for the faithful performance of the duties of his office such sum as the Minister of the Interior shall direct.

SECTION 6. The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved this 19th day of September, A. D. 1876.

KALAKAUA REX.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION OF RAMIE OR OTHER FIBRES IN THESE ISLANDS, SUITABLE FOR A MARKET.—CHAPTER XLVIII, LAWS OF 1884.

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislative-Assembly of the Hawaiian Islands, in the Legislature of the Kingdom Assembled:*

SECTION 1. The Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to pay to any inventor or his assigns the sum of ten thousand dollars whenever said inventor or his assigns shall produce and patent in these Islands a machine or other method for cleaning the ramie, or any other similar fibre, cheaply, thoroughly, and suitable for the markets of the world.

Whenever the said machine or method has been thoroughly tested before the said Minister of the Interior, and is found to do its work in the manner specified above, therefor the said Minister is authorized to draw a check upon the Minister of Finance in favor of the said inventor or his assigns for the said amount, and the said Minister of Finance is hereby authorized to pay the same out of any moneys in the Hawaiian Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION 2. The Minister of the Interior is also hereby authorized to pay to any person, persons or company, who shall first manufacture and sell fifty tons of marketable ramie fibre, or other similar fibre an amount equal to that which shall be received from the sale of said fibre. It shall be incumbent on the party or parties selling the same to file with the said Minister a verified "Account Sales" of the same, whereupon the said Minister shall draw a check on the Minister of Fi-

nance in favor of the said party or parties for the amount due as above specified, which amount the Minister of Finance is hereby authorized to pay out of any moneys in the Hawaiian Treasury not otherwise appropriated

SECTION 3: This Act shall take effect and become a law from and after its approval.

Approved this 29th day of August, A. D. 1884.

KALAKAUA REX.

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AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE MANUFACTURE AND EXPORTATION OF "TARO FLOUR."—CHAPTER LXXI., LAWS OF 1886.

This Act expired by limitation, October 15th, 1889.

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AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF TARO FLOUR AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF TARO.—CHAPTER LIX., LAWS OF 1888.

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislature of the Hawaiian Kingdom:*

SECTION 1. The Minister of Finance, upon the requisition of the Minister of the Interior, and with the approval of the Cabinet, may, from time to time, pay from the Public Treasury, out of any moneys available for the purpose, sums not to exceed in all the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of defraying the actual expenses incurred in attempting to introduce taro flour and other products of taro into foreign markets.

SECTION 2. No money shall be so paid from the Treasury excepting upon evidence satisfactory to the



Cabinet that the plans proposed for so introducing taro flour and other products of taro into foreign markets are made in good faith, are reasonable, and that energetic and thorough efforts will be made to execute such plans. As soon as practicable, after the disbursement from time to time of such moneys, full and detailed accounts, with vouchers, shall be filed in the office of the Minister of the Interior, showing the items of disbursements and the manner in which such moneys have been expended.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect from and after the date of its approval.

Approved this 6th day of September, A. D. 1888.

KALAKAUA REX.

BY THE KING:

L. A. THURSTON,

Minister of the Interior.

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AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURE OF RAMIE.—CHAPTER LXV, LAWS OF 1888.

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislature of the Hawaiian Kingdom:*

SECTION 1. The Minister of the Interior, with the concurrence of a majority of the Cabinet, hereafter designated "The Government," is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with any responsible person or persons, or corporation, hereinafter designated as "the contractor," for the establishment and maintaining at some suitable place or places in this Kingdom a plantation or plantations for the cultivation of ramie, and the

manufacture thereof into a merchantable article of export.

SECTION 2. Such contracts shall provide:

1. That the contractor shall plant and properly cultivate not less than fifty acres of ramie the first year after signing the contract.

2. That the contractor shall set up on or near said ramie plantation some good, reliable machine for cleaning the stalk from the fibre, and making of said fibre a good and merchantable article of sufficient value in the market to pay the cost of its growth and manufacture. Said machine to have the capacity of cleaning not less than 1,000 pounds of merchantable fibre per day.

3. That the contractor shall erect all necessary buildings on said plantation as the business may require.

4. That the contractor shall keep full and accurate books of accounts and reference, to which the Government or its agents shall have access at all suitable times, which books of account or reference shall, in detail, show the amounts spent by the contractor in conducting said business, the method or methods of cultivation, the labor spent in such cultivation or manufacture, the method or methods of manufacture or shipment and the cost of same, as well as any other item which might be of value to other parties desiring to enter into this business. All of which methods, and the cost thereof, may be published by the Government.

5. That the Government shall pay a bounty of \$100 per ton on all mercantile fibre which shall have a market value of five cents per pound, and for which satis-

factory account sales shall have been produced, and agreeing with shipments as noted by the Minister of the Interior, in all up to 150 tons of said ramie, after which no further bounty shall be paid. The same to be paid whenever five or more tons shall have been sold.

SECTION 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby set apart for the payment of the above-named sums from any funds in the Treasury of this Kingdom available for such purposes.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect from and after the date of its approval.

Approved this eleventh day of September, A. D. 1888.

KALAKAUA REX.

BY THE KING:

L. A. THURSTON,  
Minister of the Interior.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF COFFEE LEAF DISEASES.—CHAPTER XXXIV, LAWS OF 1888.

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislature of the Hawaiian Kingdom:*

SECTION 1. That in order to prevent the introduction of the coffee leaf disease, and other diseases injurious to the coffee plant, the importation into the Hawaiian Kingdom of coffee trees or shrubs is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall violate this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars, and any trees or shrubs so im-

ported contrary to this law shall be forthwith destroyed by the Marshal or his deputy.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect from and after the date of its approval.

Approved this eleventh day of August, A. D. 1888.

KALAKAUA REX.

BY THE KING:

L. A. THURSTON,

Minister of the Interior.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPRESSION OF PLANT DISEASES, BLIGHT AND INSECT PESTS.—CHAPTER II.,  
LAWS OF 1890.

*Be it Enacted by the King and the Legislature of the Hawaiian Kingdom:*

SECTION 1. The Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons for each port of entry in the Kingdom, or any other place if necessary, who shall be designated "Commissioners of Agriculture," and from time to time, when such offices become vacant, to appoint competent persons to fill the same.

One of the three members of each commission shall be appointed chairman. A majority of the members of each commission shall constitute a quorum, and have power to act.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of such Commissioners to seek to prevent the introduction into this Kingdom of any plant disease, blight or insect pests injuri-

ous to any tree or trees, plant or plants, or vegetation, and to seek to exterminate any such diseases, blight or insect pests, now existing or hereafter introduced.

They shall have the power to enter upon any premises where they have reason to believe there is any tree, plant or vegetation affected with any disease, blight or insect pest, and to take all reasonable and proper steps to prevent the spread of any such disease, blight or insect pest, and if after due trial (such trial to be not longer than ten days) it is found by said Commissioners, or one of them, that the trees, plants or vegetation cannot be cured, or the blight destroyed, that then and in such case he or they may order the same destroyed.

SECTION 3. The master of any vessel entering any port of this Kingdom from a foreign port, on which there shall be any plant to be landed in this Kingdom shall, immediately upon arrival, notify the Customs' officers of such fact, and such officers shall at once cause the Commissioners to be notified and shall not permit the plant, nor any of the soil, containers or coverings connected with the same to be removed from the vessel until one or more of the Commissioners shall have inspected and passed the same.

SECTION 4. Whenever after careful examination and attention a Commissioner shall have reason to believe that any plant imported from a foreign port is affected with any disease, blight or insect pest, he shall report the same to at least one other of the Commissioners, and if any two of such Commissioners shall decide that such plant is so affected, they shall cause such plant to be utterly destroyed, together with its container and coverings, and shall dispose of the soil, if any, in which such plant was imported in such manner

as shall destroy any disease, blight or insects which may be in the same.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of every person to report immediately to the nearest Commissioner any tree, plant or vegetation on or about his own premises, or the premises of another, which he shall have reason to believe is affected with disease, blight or insect pest.

SECTION 6. The Commissioners for the Island of Oahu, subject to the approval of the Minister of the Interior, may make such regulations for the Kingdom as they judge necessary for the public safety in the prevention of the introduction or spread of plant diseases, blight and insect pests. Due notice of all such regulations shall be given in the Hawaiian, English, Portuguese, Japanese and Chinese languages.

SECTION 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or any of the regulations of the Commissioners, after the same shall have been duly approved and published, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Police or District Magistrate shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

SECTION 8. The Commissioners shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Minister of the Interior, and shall serve without pay ; but they may be allowed such reasonable expenses as the Minister of the Interior shall approve.

SECTION 9. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act the Commissioners of Agriculture for the Island of Oahu shall be and are hereby invested with full power to apportion and disburse all sums of money that shall be appropriated by the Legis-

lature for this purpose. All drafts upon the Public Treasury for expenditures under this Act shall be drawn by the Chairman of the Commissioners for the Island of Oahu, and countersigned by the Minister of the Interior.

SECTION 10. This law shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved this 16th day of July, A. D. 1890.

KALAKAUA REX.

BY THE KING:

C. N. SPENCER,

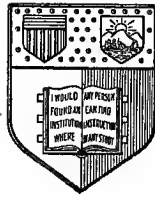
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